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Applicants: Tsuneo SAKAMOTO et al. Conf.: 1978  
Serial No.: 09/726,574 Group: 2863  
Filed: December 1, 2000 Examiner: S. CHERRY  
For: METHOD FOR MONITORING OPERATION OF THERMAL DEVICE  
AND APPARATUS THEREFOR

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

August 26, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated April 24, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

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IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

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Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure with the rewritten Abstract of the Disclosure on

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 9 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--An apparatus for monitoring operation of a thermal device such as a boiler is structured to monitor operating states of the boiler by storing detected data on vapor pressures, water levels, combustion states and exhaust gas temperature, as well as working states of control target devices

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